

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Appropriate Regulatory Treatment for
Broadband Access to the Internet Over
Cable Facilities

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CS Docket No. 02-52

COMMENTS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS

These comments are filed by the City of Abilene, Texas ("Abilene") in support of the comments filed by the Alliance of Local Organizations Against Preemption (the "Alliance"). Like the Alliance, Abilene believes that (a) local communities should be able to require cable operators to obtain additional authorizations to use and occupy public rights of way to provide cable services, and to enforce existing authorizations that have been granted for the service; (b) should be able to obtain fair and reasonable compensation for use and occupancy of the public rights of way to provide non-cable services; and (c) should be able to regulate cable companies in their provision of non-cable services, as provided under the Cable Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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